

1890-019
Lee Co.

Chancery Causes: Charles Huffman vs. Martha Huffman

Parsons, Turner

CA-Divorce
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1 To the Hon. H. S. K. Morrison, Judge of the
2 Circuit Court for Lee County, Va.

3 Your orator, Charles Huffman,
4 humbly complaining would respectfully
5 represent unto your Honor, that several years
6 ago he intimated with one Martha Parsons,
7 with whom he continued to live happily until
8 some three years ago, at which time he
9 was convinced that his said wife was
10 untrue to him, that she had broken her
11 matrimonial vow by having carnal intercourse
12 with other men, so your orator left her,
13 and has not lived with her since, or con-
14 demned her offence or cohabited with her
15 since he left her, or found out her infidelity.

16 Your orator charges and alleges that
17 his said wife, ^{is} ~~was not only~~ guilty of a
18 adultery of the most flagrant and of an
19 sort, and that she was guilty of the same
20 ^{and that without his procurement and connivance} before and since your orator left her.
21 In fact, she is now and has been ^{for} some
22 time a notorious prostitute. She lives in
23 this County ^{now} and has ever since the time of
24 her marriage with your orator been a resident
25 and citizen of the same. Your orator is informed
26 that she now lives on the line of the C & N.
27 R. R. and that the hands working on said
28 road make the home of the said Martha a
29 place of common resort for the purpose of co-
30 habiting with her.

31 Your orator represents that he has
32 ever since his marriage and is now a citizen

of this State and County.

The object of this bill is to obtain a decree a vinculo matrimonii from the said Martha for the reasons aforesaid.

Since your petitioner being remediless save in a court of equity for his said several injuries, his prayer is, that a decree be pronounced in his favor annulling, setting aside and vacating said marriage contract existing between your petitioner and the said Martha; That is, your complainant, be decreed an absolute divorce from said bonds of matrimony, and that Martha Huffman be made a party defendant to this bill of Complaint; and she be required to answer fully and completely on oath its several allegations. May such other & further relief be granted your petitioner as the justice of his cause may in equity demand. May I be - issue &c. And he will ever pray &c.

E. W. Huntington p. p.

Tax 1.50 paid
 6 4.96
 Comm. 1.50
 8 1.80
 15.00
 \$24.76

E. H. P.

Charles Hoffman

vs. } Bill for
Divorce

Martha Hoffman

1890 1st Mr. Rules Bill filed
 Spd Exd. & Decree nisi
 " 2nd Mr. Rules D. Ct. Confd
 & Cause set for hearing
 by Plaintiff.
 " March Term Decree
 final

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Charles Hoffman Complt.

vs.

Martha Hoffman Deft.

In Chancery

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill of the Complt., and the depositions of witnesses; ^{and} it appearing to the court that process has been duly served upon the deft. for 15 days before the first day of this court, and she, failing to appear, plead or answer, ^{and} on consideration of all of which, it is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the said plaintiff and defendant are hereby dissolved. It is further adjudged, ordered and decreed, that the deft. be inhibited and restrained from again ~~contracting~~ marrying, and that the said plaintiff recover from said deft. his costs in this suit for ^{the collection of} which execution may issue. And this cause is stricken from the docket.

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Charles H. Hoffman

vs. Green

Martha Hoffman

Entd. Play O.D. 243

March 31st 1890

J. A. G. Hyatt

Enter
H. S. M.

Mar 31st 1890

1 Virginia, Lu. Co., to wit:-

2 The depositions of James Tur-

3 ner
4 taken on the 3rd day of March, 1890, at the
5 Circuit Court Clerk's office of Lu. County,
6 pursuant to the notice hereto annexed,
7 to be read as evidence in behalf of
8 Charles Huffman, in a certain chan-
9 cery cause now pending in the Circuit
10 Court for Lu. County, Virginia, in which
11 said Charles Huffman is plaintiff and
12 Martha Huffman is defendant.

13 Present the Plaintiff

14 The taking of these depositions
15 are adjourned until tomorrow, March
16 4th 1890 to be continued at the same
17 place. This March 3rd 1890.

18 J. A. G. Hyatt Clerk

19 Met pursuant to adjournment
20 on this 4th March 1890, at place
21 mentioned in the Caption.

22 James Lurnen a witness of
23 lawful age being duly sworn
24 deposes and says.

25 Ques. 1 By Plaintiff's Atty.

26 Are you acquainted with Martha
27 Huffman the defendant in this
28 suit?

29 Ans. I am.

30 Ques. 2. Is she a resident of this
31 state & this county?

1 Ans. I know she has been a
2 resident of this County & State
3 for the past three or four years.
4 and is now a resident of said
5 County & State.

6 Ques. 3. ~~Please~~ state if you know
7 whether the said Martha Huffman
8 has had sexual intercourse with
9 any other man than her said hus-
10 band. That is been guilty of adul-
11 tery.

12 Ans. I do, know she has been
13 guilty of adulterous acts, and
14 has had sexual intercourse
15 with others than her said hus-
16 band.

17 Ques. 4 How long ago since
18 said Martha committed the a-
19 dulturous acts you just detail?

20 Ans. I don't recollect the exact
21 time, but it has been within less
22 than a year ago.

23 Ques. 5. Has said Charles Huff-
24 man lived with his said wife
25 since the time you know of her
26 being guilty of adultery?

27 Ans. He has not.

28 Ques. 6. Was the adulterous acts you
29 speak of by the procurement or
30 connivance of the said plaintiff?

31 Ans. It was not.

32 Ques. 7. Have you ever seen

any conduct on the part of
said defendant that was un-
becoming a married woman, other
than that you have above de-
tailed, if so state what?

Ans. - Some six months ago, I
saw a certain man lying on the
bed with the said deft,

And further this witness saith, not.

James ^{his} Turner
marks

J. A. G. Hyatt Comm. in Chancery for
Lee Circuit Court, do hereby certify
that the foregoing deposition was
taken at the time and place mentioned
in the Caption, Subscribed and
sworn to before me by the witnesses
in due form, signed under my
hand this March 4th 1890.

J. A. G. Hyatt Comm.

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Charles Hoffman

vs Leo

Martha Hoffman

Filed March 4 1890
J. A. Hyatt

Com's fee \$1.50

To Martha Huffman

TAKE NOTICE, That I on the 3 day of

Feb, 1880, at the Circuit Court clerk's office
of Lee County, Va

will proceed to take the deposition of James Turner and others

which, when taken, I intended to be read as evidence on my behalf in a certain suit in chancery
now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee County, State of Virginia, in which

Charles Huffman is plaintiff and
Martha Huffman is defendant.

And if from any cause the same be not commenced, or if commenced, be not concluded on that day, the
taking thereof will be adjourned from time to time, and from place to place, until completed.

Feb 4th, 1880,

Very Respectfully,

Charles Huffman

Chas. Huffman

v2 } Notice to take
depositions

Martha Huffman

To 8th day of March 1890

Executed by
serving a copy of
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The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To The Sheriff Of Lee County Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *James Burner, V. R. Astrak,*
Hiram Carroll and David Carroll

To appear before ~~The Judge of our Circuit Court~~ *a Justice* of Lee County, at the courthouse on the *3rd*
day of *March*, 1890 ~~term~~ next to testify and the truth to speak in behalf of
Charles Huffman — in certain matters of controversy
pending in our said Court between *Charles Huffman*

Huffman Plaintiff, and *Martha*

Defendant. And this *They* shall in no wise
omit under the penalty of Twenty Dollars. And have then there this writ. Witness, J. A. G. Hyatt,
Clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse.

This *5th* day of *Feb* 1890, in the 114 year of the Commonwealth.
J. A. G. Hyatt Clerk.

Chas Huffman

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The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To The Sheriff Of Lee County Greeting:

We Command You to Summon

Martha Huffman

To appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Courthouse on the first Monday in *March* next, being rule day to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court against *her*

by *Chas. Huffman*

And have then and there this writ. Witness, J. A. G. Hyatt, Clerk of said Court at the Courthouse.

This *5th* day of *February* 18*90*, in the 11 *4* year of the Commonwealth.

J. A. G. Hyatt Clerk.

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Chas. Huffman

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Martha Huffman

To 1st March Rules 1890

Executed on Feb. 9th
1890 by delivering
an office copy of the
within summons to
Martha Huffman
this March 8th 1890

D. W. Reaser Dept. S.